

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22523C1**

The purpose of this legislation is to enhance secondary Agriculture and Natural Resource programs currently offered in Idaho schools and to provide start up grants for new programs. The legislation will build upon a program with proven success in graduating workforce ready employees and students that go on to college or technical training programs. The legislation will expand and improve industry preparedness with Idaho driven quality program standards, incentive grants and new program start up grants that combined will provide essential personnel for Idaho's rural and urban employers.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

Over time total expenditures will be determined upon the funds available. Initially, it is estimated that 40% of the number of agricultural education instructors will voluntarily apply and meet quality program standards and qualify for an incentive grant to be used in the classrooms. In FY 2015, expenditures are estimated at \$504,000 for incentive grants and \$100,000 for new program start up grants.

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